

Methamphetamine: What is the Problem?



Statewide Treatment Admissions

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>
Gender			
Male	64%	65%	65%
Female	36%	35%	36%
Age			
Under 18	8%	8%	9%
18-25	16%	17%	18%
26-40	43%	42%	40%
41-50	25%	25%	24%
51-65	8%	8%	8%

Statewide Treatment Admissions

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>
Race/Ethnicity			
White	48%	47%	49%
Hispanic	30%	30%	24%
African American	17%	16%	17%
American Indian	2%	2%	3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2%	2%	3%
Other/unknown	1%	3%	4%
Primary Drug			
Methamphetamine*	25%	29%	31%
Alcohol	23%	22%	21%
Heroin	25%	22%	20%
Marijuana/Hashish	12%	13%	13%
Cocaine/Crack	11%	11%	11%

*2001-02 includes Methamphetamine and other Amphetamines. (CADDs)³

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Red: MA
Blue: Alcohol
Yellow: Heroin

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Women and Methamphetamine



MA Treatment Admission Demographics

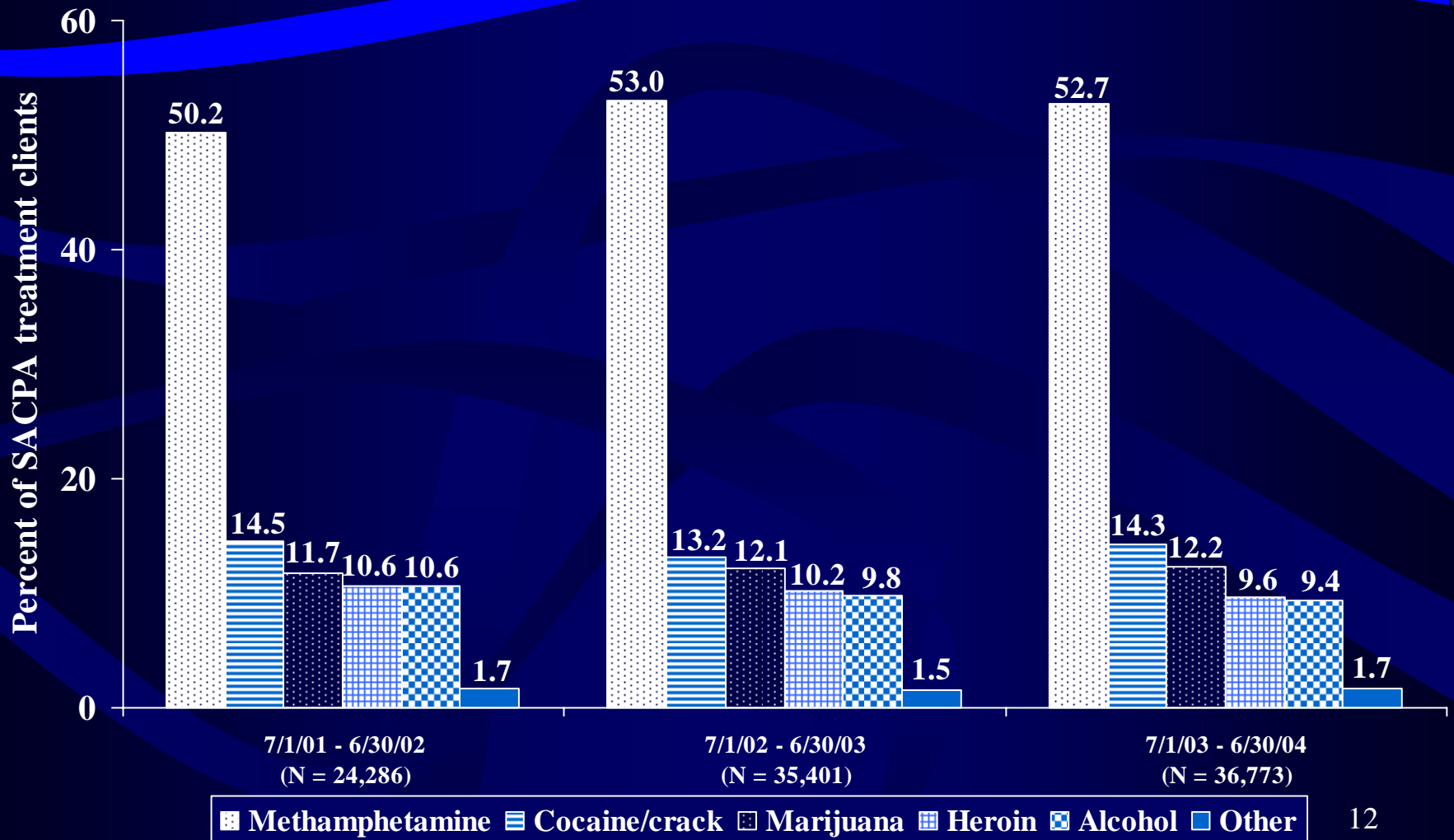
- 55% of women in treatment between 18 and 30, indicated MA as their primary drug
- 40% of men in treatment between 18 and 30, indicated MA as their primary drug

Source: California Alcohol and Drug Data System (CADDs) SFY 2003-04

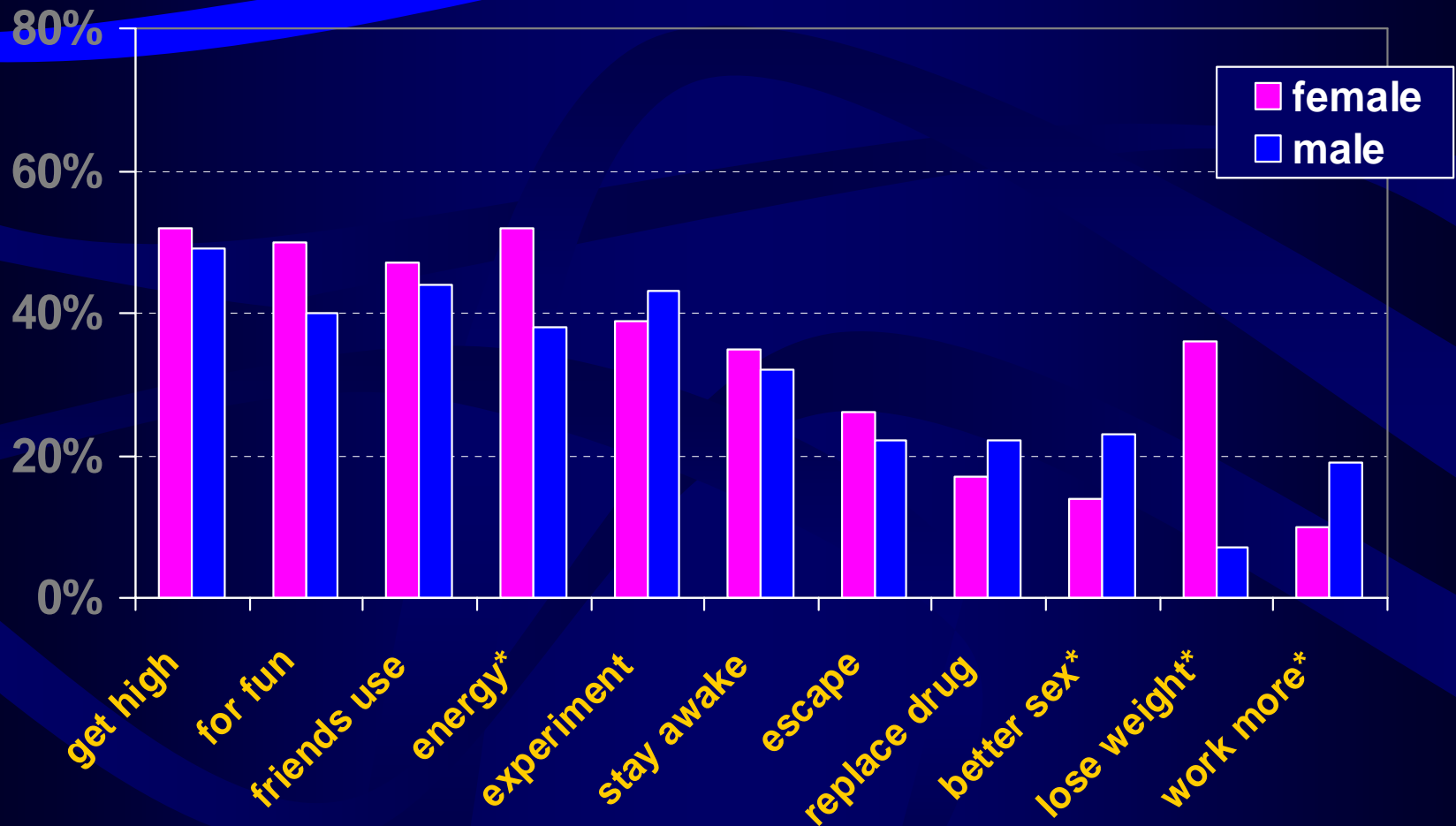
MA as Primary Drug of Abuse Among Women in Treatment

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>
Asian/Pacific Islander	45%	46%	53%
White	38%	42%	43%
Hispanic	34%	39%	43%
American Indian	36%	37%	42%
African American	6%	7%	8%

Primary Drug Among SACPA Treatment Clients (CADDs)



Self-Reported Reasons for Starting Methamphetamine Use



* significant difference between women and men $p < .05$

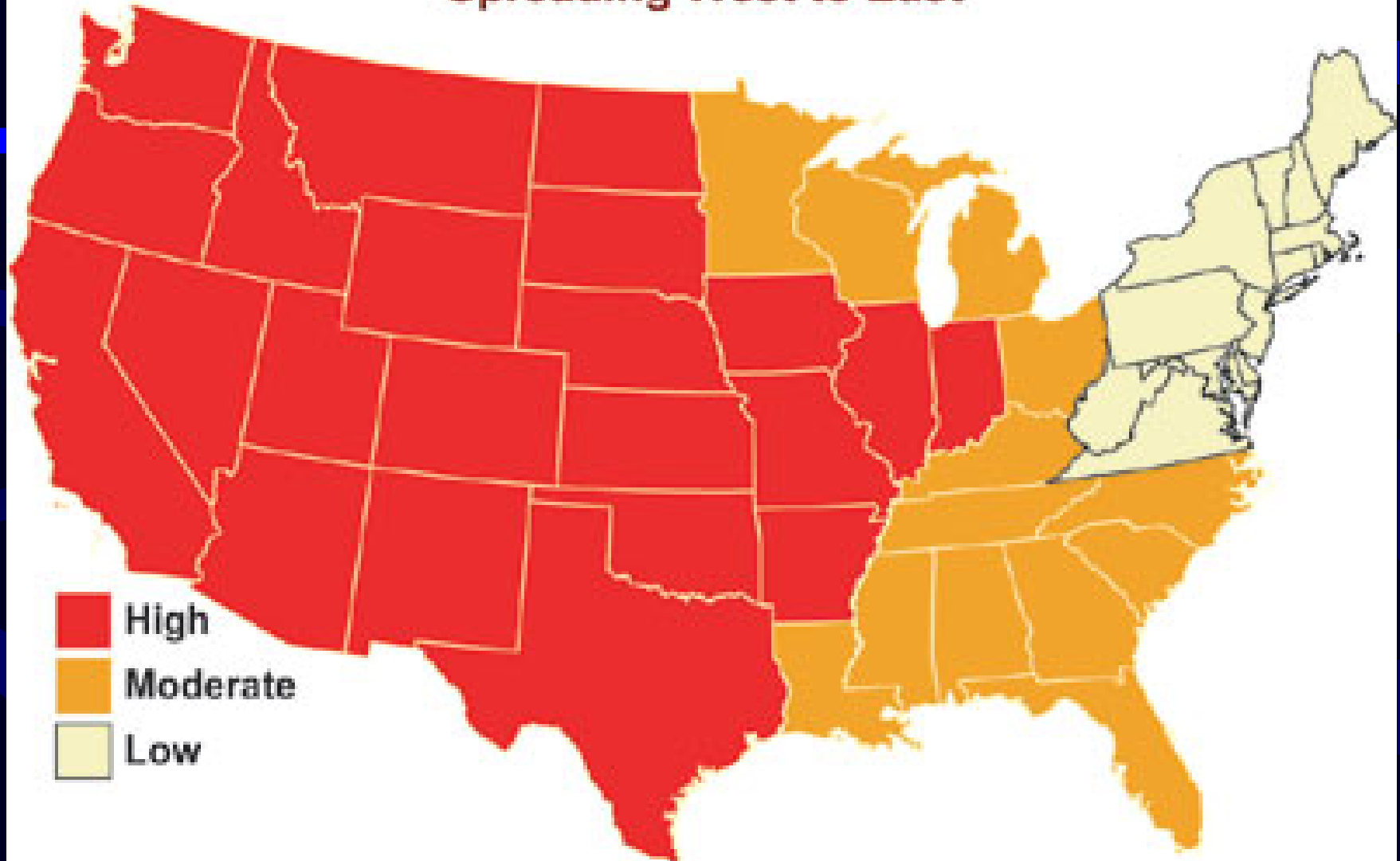
Methamphetamine:

Why now?



Regional Methamphetamine Availability

Spreading West to East



METH IN THE NEWS

The New York Times
ON THE WEB

& WORLD REPORT
U.S. News

Los Angeles Times
latimes.com

San Francisco Chronicle
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER

Cocaine vs. methamphetamine

**Meth speeds headlong into
suburbs**
-SF Chronicle

Los Angeles Daily Bulletin

A meth addict's brain
U.S. News

"The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency says 80-85% of the methamphetamine made in the U.S. is manufactured in California."

Toxic environment -American Chronicle
-UNION TRIBUNE

'Meth Mouth'

Lost teeth due to 'meth mouth' among consequences of drug abuse -

The Press-Enterprise

Colds nothing to sneeze at

Drug makers work overtime creating innovative ways to take your medicine

**Rolling Relief for Meth's Innocent
Young Victims** - Los Angeles Times

Want to Buy Some Cold Medicine? Your ID, Please

Washington Post



"The most deadly recreational drug has become the most popular, in Monterey County and everywhere" – Monterey County Weekly

The California Plan



Goals of the California Plan

- **Initiate collaborative efforts to reduce the consequences of methamphetamine abuse.**
- **Reduce the negative impacts on vulnerable populations as a result of methamphetamine use.**
- **Reduce the health consequences associated with unsafe sexual activity in methamphetamine users.**
- **Improve treatment best practices and the delivery of critical services at all levels.**

Objectives of the California Plan

- Convene a workgroup of experts to identify solutions to combat methamphetamine use.
- Support successful strategies to develop solutions to the methamphetamine problem by distributing “action” mini-grants.
- Conduct a public education campaign on the dangers of methamphetamine abuse.
- Develop a methamphetamine tool kit that will contain information for treating methamphetamine addicted clients.

Governor's Summit/Task Force

- The California Plan could be elevated to a Governor's initiative. The Governor could convene a methamphetamine summit of law enforcement, treatment, and prevention to advise the Governor on strategies to combat methamphetamine abuse.

Timeline for the California Plan

- December 2005 – Submit an application to The California Endowment to fund the formation and implementation of the California Methamphetamine Task Force.
- February 2006 – Hold a press conference to announce the Methamphetamine Initiative Taskforce
- March 2006 – Distribute the methamphetamine tool kit to providers throughout California.

Timeline for the California Plan

- March 2006 – Upon receipt of award by The California Foundation, convene the California Methamphetamine Task Force.
- June 2006 – Conduct a public education campaign on the dangers of methamphetamine abuse.
- July 2006 – Upon enactment of the FY 2006-07 Budget, begin to solicit requests for proposals, award and distribute mini-grants to local communities for collaborative planning and demonstration projects.